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In re the Application of: **Kenji OHMORI et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1773

Serial No.: 09/963,674

Examiner: **Christopher Paulraj**

Filed: **September 27, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8984

For: **HIGHLY WEATHER-RESISTANT MAGNET POWDER AND MAGNET PRODUCED BY USING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 6, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 6, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A highly weather-resistant magnet powder comprising iron and a rare-earth element, wherein particles of said magnet powder comprise uniform coating with a phosphate film to a thickness of 5 to 100 nm on the average.

2. (Amended) The highly weather-resistant magnet powder according to Claim 1, wherein said magnet powder comprising iron and a rare earth element is an alloy powder selected from the group consisting of Nd-Fe-B and Sm-Fe-N powder.

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